

gaged in or concerned with, or which has authority over, matters relating to space—

(1) may, upon a written request from the Administrator, make available, on a reimbursable basis or otherwise, any personnel (with their consent and without prejudice to their position and rating), service, or facility which the Administrator considers necessary to carry out any provision of this chapter;

(2) may, upon a written request from the Administrator, furnish any available data or other information which the Administrator considers necessary to carry out any provision of this chapter; and

(3) may cooperate with the Administration.

(Pub. L. 100-147, title II, §211, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 875.)

**§ 2486j. Reports to Congress and President; comments and recommendations**

(a) The Administrator shall submit to the Congress and the President, not later than January 1, 1989, and not later than February 15 of every odd-numbered year thereafter, a report on the activities of the national space grant<sup>1</sup> and fellowship program.

(b) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President shall have the opportunity to review each report prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such Directors may submit, for inclusion in such report, comments and recommendations and an independent evaluation of the national space grant college and fellowship program. Such comments and recommendations shall be submitted to the Administrator not later than 90 days before such a report is submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and the Administrator shall include such comments and recommendations as a separate section in such report.

(Pub. L. 100-147, title II, §212, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 875.)

**§ 2486k. Designation or award to be on competitive basis**

The Administrator shall not under this chapter designate any space grant college or space grant regional consortium or award any fellowship, grant, or contract unless such designation or award is made in accordance with the competitive, merit-based review process employed by the Administration on October 30, 1987.

(Pub. L. 100-147, title II, §213, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 875.)

**§ 2486l. Authorization of appropriations**

(a) There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this chapter sums not to exceed—

(1) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1988 and 1989; and

(2) \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1990 and 1991.

(b) Such sums as may be appropriated under this section shall remain available until expended.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "grant college".

(Pub. L. 100-147, title II, §214, Oct. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 875.)

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**§ 2487. Findings**

The Congress finds that—

(1) the space program can make significant contributions to selected areas of health-related research and should be an integral part of the Nation's health research and development program;

(2) the continuing development of trained scientists and engineers is essential to carrying out an effective and sustained program of biomedical research in space and on the ground;

(3) the establishment and maintenance of an electronically accessible archive of data on space-related biomedical research is essential to advancement of the field;

(4) cooperation with the republics of the former Soviet Union, including use of former Soviet orbital facilities, offers the potential for greatly enhanced biomedical research activities and progress; and

(5) the establishment and maintenance of an international telemedicine consultation satellite capability to support emergency medical service provision can provide an important aid to disaster relief efforts.

(Pub. L. 102-588, title VI, §601, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5130.)

**§ 2487a. Biomedical research joint working group**

**(a) Establishment**

The Administrator and the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall jointly establish a working group to coordinate biomedical research activities in areas where a microgravity environment may contribute to significant progress in the understanding and treatment of diseases and other medical conditions. The joint working group shall formulate joint and complementary programs in such areas of research.

**(b) Membership**

The joint working group shall include equal representation from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Institutes of Health, and shall include representa-